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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

NEGRO SOLDIER AMONG SHOT AND SHELL—COWARDICE NO LONGER

PERSONAL LETTERS--TWO PHASES

The Casual Observer's View of the Life of a Soldier—More Serious Than it Appears—No Romance.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head; "Special War Notes," of which the following is the eighth were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

Only a few years ago the Negro, in the white man's book, was pictured as a great coward; his attitude toward war was always about as the sentiment in the following would indicate:

"Well Sam, if we should go to battle, would you still feel like going along with us, and still do our cooking?"

"Gen'l dat's 'er mighty deligate question to ax 'er niggar. I'se gwine wid ye fur 'erwhile; an' when it gits too hot fur me to stan' it any longer—lemme tell ye I'se gwine lef' ye, dat I is. Kase I'se mos' powerful keerful erbout my life,—its de onlyist one I'se got; an' I'd sooner die dan fall into de han's of dem confedrit Rebs."

This sentiment is no longer regarded as characteristic of the Negro. His valor and invincible heroism at Santiago, El Caney and San Juan Hill proved that he is not a coward, and hence we dismiss the question of cowardice from our discussion forever, as referring to the Negro soldier in the United States army.

Some good reader of my "Special War Notes" in the Freeman, writes me a personal letter is which he asks the following questions:

(1) Can you tell me when the Tenth United States cavalry was organized and from which states the men were brought at the time?

(2) Will you give me the dates, and name of places of expeditions and campaigns in which the Tenth cavalry participated before going to Cuba?

Just before answering these questions permit me to thank the readers of the Freeman for the interest they have manifested in my contributions, indicated by the many letters received by me; but having an enormous mail, I sincerely hope that my correspondents will enclose 2-cent stamp whenever they would have an answer to their communications. It affords me great pleasure to impart what little knowledge I may have, to those who are seeking it.

Answer: (1) The Tenth United States cavalry was organized July 28, 1866, and the regiment was made up of men from nearly every state in the union. (2) The regiment has, in addition to the conspicuous service rendered in Cuba, taken part in the terrors of the following dangerous and thrilling expeditions and campaigns in the western section of our country:

Apache Indian war and troubles in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, 1875 to 1892.

*War against the Cheynne Arrapaho and Comanche Indians in Kansas, Colorado and Indian Territory, 1867, 1868 and 1869.

*Campaigns against Lipan, Kiowa, Kickapoo and Comanche Indians, and Mexican border disturbances, 1868 to 1881.

*Campaigns against the Kiowas, Comanches and Cheyennes in Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Indian Territory, 1874 and 1875.

"Industrial Army," "Commonweals," "Coxeyites," and Labor disturbances, 1894.

Railroad, Pullman and Labor strikes extending from Illinois to Pacific coast, June to August, 1894.

[*Campaigns approaching the magnitude of war, for which the enlisted men who served therein are entitled to wear a chevron "for service in wars." Campaign against Apaches in Arizona, 1885-6 included.]

While many of the soldiers of both races forlorn, sun-burnt, and weather-beaten, returned to the United States from Cuba to take their several places in the social spheres to which they were born or have arisen, very few really understood the real cause of the late war, or even cared to know. The American soldier has implicit faith in the chief executive of the nation, and is willing at any time to be guided by his wisdom in all matter involving the welfare of the Republic.

The casual observer is often impressed with the idea that the life of the soldier is an easy one; the glitter of military uniform and the patriotic strains from a military band, and the parade of a brigade on drill, or the passing of an army in review, may all seem very romantic and attractive to the spectator, but the life of a soldier is far more serious than it appears, and the more intelligent the Negro soldier, the more he appreciates the grave responsibility. He realizes that in real battle there is no romance. To ride or march for hours or days with only half rations, though the blistering heat or the freezing cold, in mud or dust or snow, hungry and worn out, ready to drop at any time for want of sleep; exposing life in battle, running the risk of capture or of wounds that might cripple for life, or face and meet death in some shocking, ghastly form on the field of hostility; to get sick and lie in the hospital from week to week, suffering intensely from burning fevers—this is the career of a soldier—is no slight business. The easy abandon of camp life can only be counted as the richly deserved breathing period for the soldier—the period for rest and preparation.

In my next article I hope to be able to present the brief sketches of a number of Negro soldiers who have passed through a series of hardships which show the real work of a real soldier.

Notice.—School teachers, male and female, professors and presidents of colleges, wherein the Negro youth is trained, are invited to send me their photographs and brief sketches of their lives which will be used in the publication of a souvenir to bear the title: "Distinguished Educators of the Colored Youth."

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
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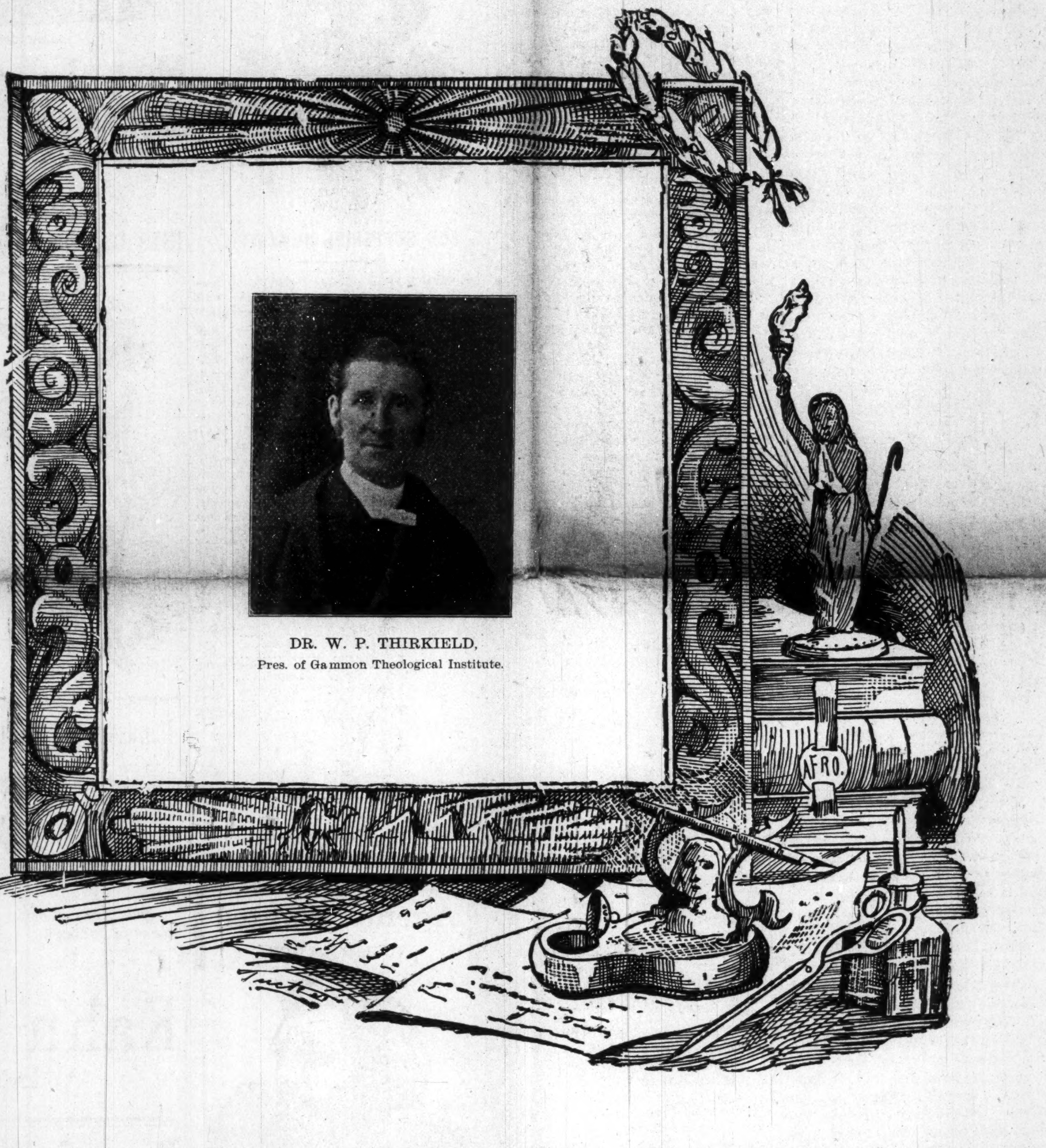

DR. W. P. THIRKIELD,
Pres. of Gammon Theological Institute.

Easter Services.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

Easter was a bright sunny day for the people of Nashville, Tenn., every church was filled with flowers and evergreen all of which each one seemed to have enjoyed. Prof. Baird of Central Tennessee College delivered the Easter sermon at St. John A. M. E. church at 11 o'clock he spoke forcibly upon the subject of "Christ being raised from the dead." Rev. Allensworth of the 24th U. S. Infantry is in the city. The Independent Order of Immaculates gave their annual sermon at Spruce street Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Dennis delivered the Easter sermon. Brother James Smiley, Chief Marshall; Dr. R Boyd, master of ceremonies: Brother Summerfield Brown, chaplain. A. Menefee, of this city died last Sunday at his home in Edgefield. A colored Y. M. C. A. is to be permanently organized in Nashville, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Burris Hall on Cedar street between Spruce and McLemore streets. J. E. Moorland secretary of the Internatinal committee, of the Y. M. C. A. will conduct the meeting. J. C. Napier, Chairman; J. T. Brown, secretary. All persons in Nashville, Tenn., who desire to take The Freeman, please notify B. Z. Eakin 512 Cedar street.

Birthday Anniversary.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Frank Carter left the 31st, ult., for Decatur. Thomas Hammonds is very sick at his home with pneumonia. Jno. Monroe, of Jackson, is in the city. Mrs. Hattie Campbell, of Niles, is in the city canvassing. George Morgan was surprised Monday evening, the 27th ult., at his home, by a number of his friends, the happy event being his 17th birthday. Games and music were enjoyed. Covers were laid for fifteen. Easter services Sunday morning at the A. M. E. church were very nice and impressive. The Knights Templars, of St. John's Commandery No. 5 and Zora Chapter No. 3 turned out in full uniform. The pastor, Rev. Roberts, preached a very fine sermon. After the morning services about forty colored citizens, with the Commandery and Chapter. went to Battle Creek. They returned at a late hour reporting a fine time.

The P. L. D. Club Entertained.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox Polk, celebrating their twelfth wedding anniversary was one of the grandest affairs of the season and all report having spent an exceedingly pleasant evening. The presents were all costly as well as handsome. Mr. Rev. R. Taylor is slowly improving after a serious illness also Mrs. H. J. Shelton who is in her home once more. An Old Folks Concert will be given in the near future by Mrs. James Black assisted by Mrs. H. E. Johnson and others for the benefit of Rev. R. Taylor. The P. L. D. Club was highly entertained by Mrs. Frank Hodges at her home at 58th avenue east. A most delightful evening was spent by all and the good nights were said at a late hour. Miss Amelia H. Porter was highly entertained by her sister Mrs. H. E. Johnson, Wednesday.

THE AGE OF CHURCH

REFORMATION. EFFETE CUSTOM NO CRITERION.

THOROUGH REHAULING REQUISITE

A Lively Criticism of men and Methods by one who Knows—Customs From the Past.

Customs are formed gradually and may be considered as established when they have become so well recognized as a law of action as to be of greater authority with the masses than reason. Many customs may survive until such a time as changed conditions render their observance unreasonable but the masses will go in accordance with the customs and will not heed the voice of reason.

When the conditions under which customs were formed have changed so as to render these habits unreasonable the necessity of reform arises. This necessity is first recognized by such minds as are independent of custom and able to give full value to reason. The early utterances of such reformers are always heard with impatience by the masses but if the reformer is perseverant the people at last begin to listen and then begin to think and suddenly as it appears, adopt the new ideas. This is the whole story of all reformations.

There are many incidents in the story but the main events are as described above. Among the incidents often is the fact that the earliest reformers are made martyrs and the reformers that are on the stage at the closing era are made heroes. This is true in church and state.

Customs come to us from the past, they are held in reverence. When reason declares a custom to be unsuited to the conditions of the present and proposes a new idea, it at first is regarded as irreverent and destructive. Demagogues arise who denounce the advocate of new ideas and stir against him the prejudices of the masses. If the reformer is not of stern stuff, he submits to the popular outcry, if he be strong and independent he continues to talk.

Now then, in what has The Freeman and in what have I as a contributor offended in the past, save in advocating the substitution of reason for authority of certain wornout customs. The general customs of the A. M. E. church to-day are re ics of a day long since gone and utterly unsuited to present conditions. The popular ideas are to the type of men who should be Bishops and general officers do not fit the demands of today.

African Methodism is years behind the times in its customs and its leaders are, as a rule years behind. There is little in the church that addresses itself to the life of the present and hence the chief increase of membership is from the old and middle-aged. The young people do not as a rule join the Bethel, Zion or Baptist churches.

None of these churches have any real theology and teach little that is in accord with the light of to-day. Sermons are cast in the theological moulds of the "amen corner." The average preacher is not respected by those who are ordinarly intelligent and thoughtful. The average "big man" is flattered by the sycophants who seek favors at his hands and is looked upon with pity or contempt by the intelligent and independent. This is simply gospel truth but it is not pleading to all. It is true anyhow.

In some instances we have clothed men with the insignia of high office and placed them as representatives of the best of the race when in character they are but lackey-boys to the truly great men of the country with whom they come in contact. To fail to pay reverence to these men violates a cherished custom and brings disaster upon the bold offender. It is the custom that these men should pick those who are to be electrd as their collegues. The cus-

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

Every reader of this column knows by this time that I am plain and out spoken, though not insulting or personal. I may not always call a spade a spade but—when I do not so call it, I do not speak of it at all.

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I have long since, when writing my Bluster (or any other writings over my own, not sold for a goodly sum of cash in advance) ceased "playing to the gallery." When I write, I "play" to either amuse or instruct the whole theatre, down stairs as well as upstairs. I try to make a truthful "hit," and—sometimes a "hard hit" I try, (with my pen) to play both hero and villian; both saint and sinner; both sage and fool, and I flatter myself (beg pardon Sir Critic) that up to date, my pen plays have been truthful, instructive, amusing and reflective, still I may be wrong.

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One reason for reaching these conclusions is the number of letters I received, a few moons ago, from our readers all over the country, asking why the "Bluster" column had been discontinued in The Freeman.

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I will continue in the future, as in the past "to hew to the line no matter where the chips fall." Again, I believe that humanity in general, and Negro humanity in particular, is divided into classes, and no matter how "advanced" or great a crank, sage, critic or fool you are, "there are others" in your class, and that you do not stand at the head or foot of a class of only two, so therfore do not dodge when I throw stones at your class, unless you are guilty, and know, that I know that you are.

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After the above preface let me say that The Freeman has the most extended circulation (if not the largest) of any Negro newspaper, still all of the good things—all of the pure gold—is not found in the editorial columns of The Freeman—the paper I have the honor of being a paid staff correspondent. "The Colored American" of Washington, D. C., is a large productive field of pure gold—bright thoughts, progressive ideas, and fearless opinions and I clip the following from its editorial page, to-wit: "Georgia's reception to President McKinley: Four innocent Negros butchered like hogs, and left weltering in their blood. The President is treated to a specimen of mob violence which is the great pastime of the South, and yet 'He openeth not his mouth.' We say to President McKinley, do you not know that the people whom you are visiting have no regards for law, and yet you have sworn to enforce the law? You should at once leave the state as a rebuke to those who needlessly take the life of human beings, and murder innocent men for mere sport. 'Come out from among them.' Your presence down there, and no protest from you make you a member of the community that perpetrates such crimes. The whole country is responsible for the lynchings in Georgia. Do you know that, President McKinley?"

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Keep the ball a rolling, Brothers Cooper and Thompson, the Freeman and its staff need your aid. "In union there is strength" and in strength there is victory. Keep it before the people that this is not "a white man's country;" keep it before the people that the Negro is a still an important political factor; that he is here to stay; that he is not as big fool as his Republican white friends (?) have concluded he was. We must fight and fight hard if we would regain our constitutional rights in the South. If we do not use the rifle in the South, we must use the ballot in the North. P. S. Negro delegates (prospective) to the next National Republican Convention, keep your eyes on President McKinley, he wants a re-nomination and p—e—r—h—a—p—s he can not get it without your votes. A word to the wise, etc, etc.

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It has been said of old, that the leopard could not change his spots nor the Ethiopian change his skin. If the leopard cannot, at this writing give Dame Nature, "cards and spades" and beat her at her own game he is not up to date. The Ethiopian is leaving the leopard in the shade, aided by "medical (?) science," "Face Bleaches," "Black Skin Removers," etc., etc., until it looks as if the day was about to dawn, the noon day of which, will find all Americans, as the starless midnight of the present finds them, to-wit: "All of one color."

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"Prof. Scarborough writes for several white magazines, but the duce of it is that nobody can tell when he is reading Scarborough. It appears that he has manufactured a non de plume out of his name, so there is no hope of finding out. This is the Negroes dilemma."—Major's Melange.

If the professor writes for cold cash it is expedient, perhaps to use a non de plume in that case he is hardly loosing much sleep, and no money from "the Negroes dilemma," as said "dilemma" does not cut any financial ice, and the ice of "fame (?)" it does cut is thin and cold for food. I speak from experience, doctor, so will you in after years.

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He may be able to get the Republican re-nomination without the votes of the Negro delegates from the South, but he cannot be elected without the Negro votes of the North. The black vote of New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio. Again, a word to the wise and two or three, at the most, to the otherwise should be sufficient.

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I think I have the names, pictures and life sketches of all of the race's progressive pioneers for my book: "The Afro-American Vanguard" still, I may have overlooked some one, if you are one of the "Vanguard" and have not received and answered a direct communication from me, kindly send me a picture of yourself and a sketch of your life (not over 300 words.) If convenient, send the same in a registered letter. In all cases mark in the lower left hand corner "For The Afro-American Vanguard" or "A. A. V." in order that my assistant in the work may give the same the proper attention needed, in case I am out of town, as I receive forty or fifty letters a day upon all kinds of subjects from all kinds of people, saints and sinners, tools and knaves, people who mean business and people who write for fun. It would also be well to enclose a two-cent stamp, if reply is expected or needed, if not do not. Of course, if you are a Vanguard you know enough to write only on one side of the sheet of paper, and write so it can be read without the use of any "cuss" words (from my assistant, who, by-the-way is a young lady.)

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Be it Resolved, By the readers of The Freeman, in progressive intent, and sober reflection assembled, that the year 1899 will be the most progressive (in all progressive ways) in the history of the American Negro; that the close of the year will find us better united; better citizen; owners of more stores; more homes; patrons of more colored merchants; richer in this world's good and better prepared to live here and hereafter. I hope this resolution will not turn out to be one of my "pipe dreams" about the race's future.

B. SQUARE.

News Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.

Chas. Warren and Calbert of Agricultural College spent Sunday in the city. Mrs. G. B. Stewart left Monday to visit several weeks with her father in Canada. We are pleased to receive into our community. Dr. Dickerson of Columbus O. He comes to us highly recommended and is very desirous to obtain our patronage. Mrs. Butler of Lansing, attended the ministerial convention held in this city last week. The Nineteenth Century Club met with Mrs. Crissup last Wednesday at which time a very interesting program was given. The president Mrs. J. C. Ford presided over the meeting. Dainty refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. Bess. The semi annual meeting of the ministerial and deacons institute was held at the Messiah Baptist church on the 24-25-26th. Among the ministers and deacons from out of the city were Rev. T. C. Johnson. Rev. Watson and Deacon White of Kalamazoo, Rev. B. B. Johnson, and Rev. Mrs. Johnson, of Canada and Rev. Carter of Bay City. The sessions held were very interesting as well as instructive. E. W. Parker has returned from Lansing.

B. Square's New Bluster.

In addition to Mr. Augustus M. Hodges "B. Square Bluster" column, he is writing expressly for The Freeman something in a new line, "B. Square's Fables." Our readers will find the same pointed, amusing, instructive and reflective. Do not fail to read "B. Square's Fables."

The Freeman in Dayton, Ohio.

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A TWO HOUR BREAKFAST.

It Is One of the Institutions of New Orleans.

There is a place in New Orleans that strangers are always glad to have pointed out—Begeuy's, over in the French quarter, kept by Mme. Begeuy (pronounced Bigaay, with the accent on the last syllable), and famous for the breakfasts it serves at 11 o'clock every morning.

Originally this breakfast was intended for the butchers, and they contributed to it the daintiest meats that the splendid French market in New Orleans provided from day to day. Gradually outsiders began to come in, and now one must engage a seat at breakfast two days ahead. The morning the writer was there a distinguished judge of the supreme court was the principal visitor, and he, with his family and several guests from Boston, sat at the head of the table.

One long table occupies the little dining room, to which one climbs by a rickety flight of stairs. Every Frenchman, when he gets up, takes a cup of coffee and a roll, and at 11 o'clock eats his real breakfast. This is the meal that Mme. Begeuy serves, and it costs $1. The kitchen is right off of the dining room, and there is no pretense of adornment. Everything is as plain and simple as it can be, excepting the food, and this is the perfection of the gastronomic art. A bottle of claret stood at each place, which, with water imported from Germany and called "blue label," was all there was to drink until the little cup of black coffee finished the repast.

The first thing served was duck. It was excellent, and so was everything else included in the eight or nine courses that came on, and that concluded, singularly enough, with liver, so cooked that the only regret was that the piece was not larger. It takes two hours to eat a breakfast at Begeuy's, and you get enough to last you for all day.—Leslie's Weekly.

A GRIM CEREMONY.

An Emperor's Death Hastened by Rehearsing His Own Funeral.

Emperor Charles V of Spain brought about his death by rehearsing his own funeral. For the last two years of his life, after resigning the scepter of Spain and the Netherlands to his son Philip, in 1556, Charles retired to the monastery of Yuste, in Estremadura, and there lived a cloister life in close intercourse with the monks, devoting much time to religious exercises. During this period, prompted it may be by the example of Cardinal de la Marck, who for several years before his death, in 1528, had annually rehearsed his own obsequies, the emperor, in the summer of 1558, formed the resolution to celebrate his own funeral before he died.

Accordingly, on Aug. 30 of that year, the grim farce was carried out with the most elaborate ceremonial. The imperial domestics marched with black tapers in their hands, and the emperor, clad in sable weeds, himself followed, wearing his shroud. While the solemn mass for the dead was sung before the high altar in the cathedral Charles gave up his taper to the priest, typifying thereby his resignation of life, and was solemnly laid in his coffin. The ceremony closed with sprinkling holy water on his body; then, all the attendants retiring, the doors were shut, and Charles rose from his narrow bed and withdrew to his private apartment.

The damping of the graveclothes induced a chill, which, aided no doubt by the mental depression caused by the grewsome ceremony, induced a fever which ended in his death three weeks later, on the 21st of September, 1588.

A Missing Link.

It will doubtless surprise many who have never even heard of the brute that there still exists on the island of Java an animal, or rather a reptile, which seems to be the missing link between the ichthyosauri of prehistoric days and the well known saurians of modern times.

This animal is known to the Javanese as "linguin." It fell to the luck of Baron Alfonso Pereira, consul general of Austria-Hungary, to shoot one of these beasts some years ago. Its length was between nine and ten feet, and it looked a cross between a snake and a crocodile. Though the beast was cut and wounded in its encounter with Baron Pereira it did not bleed.

Pennsylvania Sand Mines.

There are all kinds of mines in Pennsylvania. The greatest are of course the iron and coal mines, but few people would guess that the next extensive mining industry is the sand mines in western Pennsylvania. These mines are rarely underground, however, and many of them are viewed with wonder by passengers on the Pennsylvania, approaching Pittsburg. Whole mountains are being dug away, and the granular rocks forming them are being reduced to sand for the manufacture of glass in and about Pittsburg.—Philadelphia Call.

The Omnipresent Rose.

Every continent on the globe, with the exception of Australia, produces wild roses. There can be little doubt that the rose is one of the oldest flowers in the world and, perhaps, grown from the wind blown seeds in Paradise.

In Egypt it is depicted on numbers of early bas-reliefs, dating from 3000 to 3500 B. C. Rosewater, or the essence of roses, is mentioned by Homer in the "Iliad," and the flower is spoken of in the Proverbs of Solomon.

Lamblike Resignation.

Charles Lamb, when reminded by his sisters of the days when they were poor and capable of enjoying the smallest treat with the keenest relish, so different from the days when they were rich and surfeited, said, "Well, Mary, since we are in easy circumstances we must endeavor to put up with it."

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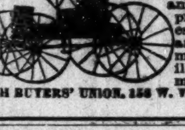

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Personal Mention.

Danville, Ind., Special.

Jacob Cullins has purchased property and has moved to this city. Rev. J. H. Russell minister of the A. M. E. church spent Saturday and Sunday at Terre Haute Mrs. Thomas Dudely spent Monday and Tuesday in this city. Revival is being carried on by the members of the A. M. E. church, is meeting with success. Mangrum Phillips who has been indisposed is convalescent.

News Items.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

Sherman, one of the leading business cities of North Texas has apopulation of 15,000 people, 5000 of whom are colored, 2000 registered voters, of which 400 are colored, with that number of colored people this city is a very inviting field for colored industry. It has six barber shops run by colored men, three are for both white and colored patronage, and three for white only, two colored boarding and lodging houses, a colored hall, seven colored churches, a colored steam laundry, a public school, five teachers, and an enrollment of 400 pupils, three secret orders, and is represented throughout the state by professional teachers, leads North Texas in a representation of the fair sex. The valuation of the colored citizens property is $100,000. Mrs. Harriet Pierce is not improved. Messrs Joe Branham, Jas. Pierson, R. Jones, Geo. Branham and Robert Sterveson of Dennison attended the social Hop given by the 4-11-44 club. Mrs. Lena Payne accidently broke her arm by jumping from her buggy. Miss Katie Owens of Independent Springs was in the city visiting Miss Callie Short. Misses Kidd and Carpenter hsn a grand opening at their ice cream parlor Thursday night. Miss Brazil Jefferson was absent from her school last week on account of being sick. Miss Hattie Bouwell was in the city Sunday.

The Freeman.

Brenham, Tex., Special.

Those who are not reading The Freeman. are missing the best portion of their reading life. The Freeman is naturally more worth reading than any paper published by a colored man. Some think this a terrible lot for a person to say, but after all it can't be truthfully disputed. When you meet a colored man and he entertains you with a conversation on "Race Pride." just ask him does he read The Freeman, if he does not take it, and has been informed of it, he is not a race pride man and will do a very little for his race. Every man with good thought and judgement will read a race paper, if he is not a subscriber he will purchase a copy for 5 cents and read it any way. The reason The Freeman is worth more attention than other papers is because it is an illustrated news paper, it gives full details of what the Negreos are and what they are doing, those that are doing something. The Freeman has agents reporters all over the Union and can afford to give you something to interest you if you will only read. Take up the war topic, what colored paper has ever given as full details of such as The Freeman has? None. Who gave you as much about what the 10th Cavalry did to save the Rough Riders as The Freeman? Not any. Why? Simply because The Freeman was the only colored paper that had an agent or a reporter in that portion of the country or near enough there to get the full details of the war, and what the Negro did. There were white papers that could have given you full details of what they had done, but you know as the white man principally nevers gives the Negro credit for what he does in Texas it was impossible for us to know what all he did until we received The Freeman. The Dallas Express gave a slight sketch of them (the Cavalrymen) but was unable to give full details as they copy-righted from white papers and white papers didn't or wont give us just credit for what we do, the Texas papers I'm speaking of the Dallas Express was unable to do so, so if you want to keep up with all interesting news and know what she Negro is doing subscribe for The Freeman. When I say Negro, I mean up-to-date Negro not the booster.

Personal Mention.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

Mrs. Harriet Poston has returned from Des Moines, where she went to assist in organizing a lodge of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. Mrs. Sarah Trimble spent a few days in Lee county at the bedside of her brother who is very sick. Mr. Jefferson Tally has accepted the position as headwaiter at the Brazelton House. Rev. M. W. Thornton, president of Campbell college, Jackson, Miss., arrived in the city Saturday for a month's visit. Miss Anna Jones has returned to her home in Muchakinock. The executive board of Iona Association convened at Second Baptist church on the 15th inst.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox.

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How Genius Succeeds.

Our paternal relatives don't know it all. Riley's father wanted to make a lawyer out of him; it was thought that Bret Harte would make a first class carpenter; it was Mr. Gilder's idea that they wanted him to be a job printer: Hamlin Garland started as a farmer and is still a farmer, but makes enough out of literature to keep the farm going. But Hopkinson Smith is of all trades. When he isn't building a viaduct, he is painting a landscape, and when he's tired of that diversion he whirls in and writes a novel which sells 80,000 copies every 30 days.—Atlanta Constitution.

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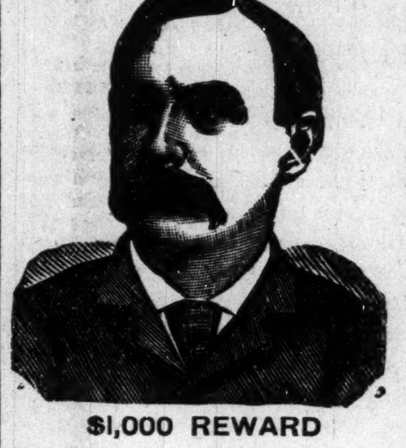

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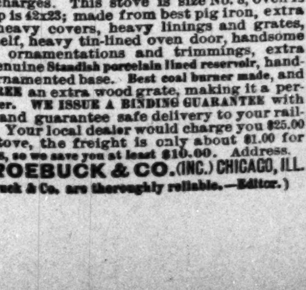

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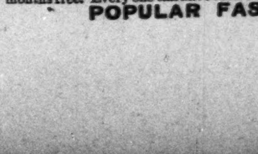

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THE GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION.

Fifteen prominent citizens of Lake City, S. C., will be put on trial in in the U. S. Circuit Court next week to answer to the charge of lynching Postmaster Frazier B. Baker, more than a year ago. Besides killing the postmaster who was a Negro, the alleged murderers will have to answer for having killed Baker's infant child and for burning the Lake City post office with all its effects. It is said also that other arrests will be made before the case is taken up. The indictment will go to the grand jury and the hearing will begin at once. Eighty witnesses for the Government have been summoned, and there is a great array of witnesses for the defense.

This is the first time on record when the Federal Government has come into the South to take up a lynching trial. The murder of Baker was probably the most brutal known in the history of the State. Baker was appointed postmaster at Lake City and before he took charge of the office he was warned to keep away. He refused and an attempt was made to kill him soon after his commission was received. This failed and a regular band was organized to put him out of the way.

The defendants in this celebrated case. are Ezra McKnight, W. A. Foster, M. V. Ward, Moultree Ephie, Eppie Godwin, C. J. Joyner, Oscar Kelley, Edwin Rogers, Alonzo Rodgers, Henry S. Stokes Allen Belk, Van Somerford, Earlie P. Lee, J. P. Newham and Marion Clark. They are representative business men from the Lake City section. Marion Clark was formerly the editor of a newspaper in that town. Stokes was a deputy United States marshall in Georgia some years ago and the prisoners are merchants, druggists and farmers.

According to the testimony given at the preliminary hearing by Newham and Lee, who turned State's evidence, the Lake City band of lynchers was organized for the special purpose of killing Baker. The Negro had refused to leave town and give up the office and the white people rebelled at the idea of a colored postmaster.

The above is a piece of very welcome intelligence, not from the fact that justice is making an effort to claim her own; for the ends of justice may still be defeated. Notwithstanding the likelihood of results, the movement of the government towards the apprehension of the midnight murderers that so cowardly struck down Frazier B. Baker, of Lake City S. C. is of the deepest import to Negroes everywhere.

Vengeance in the matter is not especially desired. Murder is no uncommon thing. Every day the courts of the land lay its heavy hands on some guilty individual who has trespassed the law of God and the law of the land. But the circumstances attending this murder certainly put the government to a disadvantage in prompt action. The sentiment of the locality at that time perhaps would have rendered any or all efforts in the matter futile. It is very likely after all that it took the right view of the case when it waited for the inflamed passions of the citizens to somewhat subside.

"All's well that ends well." It is encouraging to witness signs of activity at the seat of government. We fear that had the government very much longer deferred its action the Negroes would have held it a sign of hostility which designing men would have used at the proper time in attempting to defeat the administration. However we take it, that in this endeavor to deal out to the memory of Baker, justice, the administration now controlled by the Republican party, repledges its fealty to good government, judiciously administered and maintains its position as the long continued Negroes' friend.

It is to be hoped that the case will be sifted thoroughly in order that our government, our flag, the same that was planted on San Juan may be relieved of the charge of studiously affronting any portion of its citizens.

Hope is in the air.

According to some people's notions the punishment comes through the suspense or anticipation. By that rule the murderers of Baker, of Lake City, S. C., are sure of their judgement.

We congratulate Rudyard Kipling as all other English speaking peoples do on his restoration to health. May the God of the inscrutable ways see fit to preserve him until hale old age, that he may still sing his songs of many keys to the bewildering admiration of mankind. Man is blessed by his living. His genius is boundless and the world is not yet prepared to give him up.

Dyersburg, Tenn., April, 2, 99.

Dear Editor:

I, myself, have something to tell you. I have 63 quilts and 25 feather pillows. What do you think of a lady that has done so much? Is she not to be called industrious. Let me know. Yours,

Eliza Pursley.

The above is the result of a letter that we called in all hands to help decipher. While it was 'Greek' yet the native simlicity that flowed between the lines captured the place. In reply permit us to say that your industry is of the model kind; the kind that is becoming a "lost art" to the late generations. You have a supply of stock that is always in demand and as long as it lasts you are not threatened by a wolf at the door. You have preached the Booker T. Washington theory as aptly as he ever did. Your products on the market are indistinguishable, and discriminations, begriming fingers are defied. You for one have solved the race problem so for as material wealth and occupation are concerned

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Cadeville, La., March 13, 1899.

To Elwood Knox, Esq., Indianapolis:

Dear Sir,—I thought I would write to you from this part of Louisiana. We are taking the good old Freeman, the greatest race paper of the day, The people both white and colored like the paper. I am doing all I can for it. Mr. George Zeigler's wife gave birth to a fine boy on the 24th of February and I named him Elwood C. Knox he has got some good blood in him.

Yours for the race,

M. T. Scottwood.

In reply to this very unusual kind of letter bearing such unusual kind of information permit us to say that the managing editor feels highly complimented in knowing that out of respect for the work the Freeman is trying to do that there are some who are seconding its efforts with zeal. The bestowing of the name of Elwood C. Knox on the little visitor will be held an appreciation that is not to be calculated in dollars and cents. The act will be held as one of the chief testimonials as to the value of this publication. We have placed the name of Elwood C. Knox Zeigler on our books for one year's subscription to the Freeman. He may expect other favors in the near future.

One of the neatest things that has reached this office in a great while is a souvenir publication in honor of the 10th U. S. Cavalry. It is a pamphlet of about thirty-five pages of heavy book paper. The very excellent half tone cuts used gives photographic results which are so effective for such work.

In the publication will be seen the likeness of the only colored graduates of of West Point; Lieutenants Flipper, Alexander, Young, the officers of the 10th Cavalry in groups taken before (25) and after (15) the famous battle of San Juan, troups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M, Cavalry band buglers, hospital corps and camp.

In fact every thing of note connected with the renown 10th is faithfully portrayed in the highly interesting souvenir, among which may be added the scene of the assault on San Juan.

The publishers H. V. Cashin & Co., of Huntsville, Alabama, have spared no pains in producing the little publication which is equally artistic and interesting. To those who care for in mementoes of the late war it is safe to say that the souvenir of the 10th, U. S., Cavalry will be found to be of especial value. It sells for 10cts.

MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALL.

Atlanta, Ga. April, 25, '99.

My dear Sir and Friend:—From this last utterance in the Constitution in letter from Palmetto, I may be a candidate for the "chain gang" before long. My last letter is in vindication of the Negro preachers of Palmetto." My other brethren in the ministry, I make an appeal to facts that are sustained by their life work. God bless The Freeman in its noble mission, for humanity.

Ever yours cordially,

W. P. Thirkield.

God bless Wilbur P. Thrikield would be the better way to put it. God bless him because he and not the Negro race has something to loose, may God forbid it, in his advocacy of simple justice to mankind, May God bless those white Methodist ministers of Atlanta, Ga. who have been aroused by the savagery expressed in that state not long since. We take it that not since the era of "mobocracy," has there been such hopeful signs for the total elimination of the iniquity. Says Rev. W. P. Lovejoy, at the Methodist meeting which took the form of preamble and resolutions:

"The courts of the land are established to protect every citizen, especially the weakest, in the enjoyment of his constitutional rights of life and liberty. The purpose and work of the mob is at war with all law, a menace to life and a destroyer of liberty the promotor of anarchy. Mob law is no law; mob rule lives and thrives by lawlessness. Under it all interests suffer. The law-abiding citizen has no guarantee that his home is his castle, or that the lives of his loved ones are safe from the bullets of outlaws and assassins. A trial without judge or jury and often with insufficient proof of guilt or none at all, the privilege of defense denied, followed by execution so swift as to shock the sensibilities of a savage, is a hideous farce.

"Resolved, therefore, That we unite with all law-abiding citizens in condemning in as strong language as we can command, the horrible work of a lawless band on the night of March 16, at Palmetto, whereby four prisoners charged with arson were shot to death. These alleged murderers have made it impossible by killing the one witness, who it is alleged confessed to the crime of arson to convict other parties who had a hand in the burning at Palmetto.

Rev. Ellis offered an additional resolution that the lynching of the Negroes be characterized as "brutal, dastardly, cowardly and; and that we urge upon the good citizens of Palmetto and Campbell county for their own sake and for the sake of our Christian civilization that they discover the guilty parties and bring them to justice."

Rev. J. B. Allen offered a third resolution:

"Resolved, further, That our loyal sympathy is hereby tendered the Governor and all others in authority in their efforts to find and prosecute the guilty parties."

These several expressions of indignation put into the strong form of resolutions were unanimously adopted.

May God bless the Baptist Association of white ministers also:

A heated indignation meeting of the Baptist pastors was held this morning in the basement of the First Baptist church. The Palmetto affair was discussed and decried and yet justified to some extent. Dr. A. A. Marshall introduced a resolution comending Governor Chandler for offering the highest reward the law allows for the apprehension of the guilty ones. Furthermore, it was moved that a committee should be appointed from the Baptist Pastor's conference to draft resolutions expressing the hearty endorsement by the conference of all methods used for the suppression of mob law and violence.

The resolutions passed were as follows: "Resolved, That the Baptist Pastor's conference expresses its sympathy with the governor of Georgia in his efforts to bring to justice the violators of law in the recent outbreak in Palmetto and that we also express our gratification at his offering for a reward, the highest possible sum allowed by the state, that the guilty parties may be brought to justice." A second resolution was then drafted and passed to the effect that

"A committee of three be appointed to draft such resolutions concerning law and order in the State of Georgia as, in their judgement they see fit to present, and that they be requested to report at the next meeting of the Baptist Pastor's conference next Monday morning."

The resolutions provoked at once the liveliest and most spirited discussions that have occupied the Baptist ministers' meeting for a long while.

Rev. Edward Gilliam, of the M. E. Church of this city read an interesting paper before a representative gathering of white ministers of this city, Monday morning on the race question. The paper was thoroughly discussed and some very interesting views were brought out, among them; intermarriage or amalgamation. The body was in an excellent mood for the discussion. The meeting was highly successful in that it showed the question is one of importance, worthy of the attention of the best thinkers and in that it showed that the sentiment of all are not hostile to the race. The Freeman reiterates that these new conditions will be met by means in time that will amply care for them. The colored people of this city will count this effort as much that seeks to bring relief to the very strained relations of the races.

The late elections held in the several states show that the people have still confidence in the administration. This

As we see it, it is not the policy of enlightened nations to repudiate the administrations that have been instructed by the people to carry out their designs. America to-day is in just such a situation. It is the business of the government to prosecute the war until it reaches the ends mapped out. It is a war for the preservation of the political ingegrity of the nation. That it is waged against the Phillippines is no ground for racial indifference in America. These people are defying the authority of our government and whose purposes are not known to be hostile to their interests. They might have taken the word of a great and honorable nation. With them would have always resided the power to rebel in event they conceived the idea that were duped-the victims of deception.

We are often reminded that the government could find much to do at home in bringing about peace and harmony among its own citizens. While that is true it would ill become a people to attempt embarrass the government that finds itself unwittingly in an ugly situation. That the heart of the people is for independence and freedom was evident in the long "prologue" to the Cuban affair. It may be that these same people may thwart their own ends in abusing the interjected friendship on the part of America. Circumstances make conditions and the avowed purposes of countries as well as individuals may be jeopardized by unusual circumstances. It is to be hoped that the final outcome may be attended with honor and dignity far removed from the searing fingers of reproach.

The Ex-Slave Pension fiasco is being roundly scored by the Negro Press. It is an excellent breeder of trouble.

Too proud for revenge is a good suggestion in view of the preservation of the individual.

The murderers of Baker will quake in their boots for a while at any rate.

Editor Freeman:

Enclosed please find $1.50 for which please send me The Freeman. I regard your paper as one of the strongest race papers in America. Please accept my congratulation, hoping for a brighter day for our race. Very Truly,

A. Woods,

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

B. SQAURE'S FABLES.

FABLE I.

THE CONVENTION IN LABOR.

Once upon a time, during the reign of Mac. the First, the Colored American subjects of the Ruler not being permitted to sit at the Offices-given-out Banquet table in goodly numbers like his white subjects, made a kick and a mighty rumbling was heard throughout the land. Soon after some of the colored leaders called a "convention." When the "convention" met it was said to be in Labor, and the Ruler and his right hand and left hand men held their breath and opened their eyes to see what the great mountain of a convention would produce. After long expectation and many wise conjectures from the Ruler and his white followers, out popped the following litter to-wit: "Spicy Rhetoric," "Big-worded resolutions," "Modest demands," "Left hand kicks," "Cheap notoriety" and "Self aggrandizement," only this and nothing more. "And the band played on," that is to say, the Ruler and the band of Republican white leaders.

P. C. This story applies to the old saying: "Great cry and little wool," or in the language of the Red men: "Heap big injuns on the war path, hoop! hoop!! but no scalps;" or as the burglar would say: 'Day cracked de safe, but day got no dough;" or as the crap shooter would explain when in hard luck: "I throw'd er nateral but—I didn't git my pint."

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FABLE II.

WHITE AMERICAN—BLACK AMERICAN.

The white American being mounted on the hill of wealth, education, civil and political rights, looked down and saw a poor black American pass below and began to revile him as being of an inferior breed. The black American merely stopped climbing the hill long enough to say: "Coward! Why do you revile me? Had I not been kept for two hundred and fifty years in bondage and ignorence by you, I would now be up there by your side; but I'll get there just the same. and when I do get up there I will give you—" (we do not know just what the black American was going to say he would give the white American, as the black American's foot slipped and he fell back to the foot of the hill.) The white American winked the other eye

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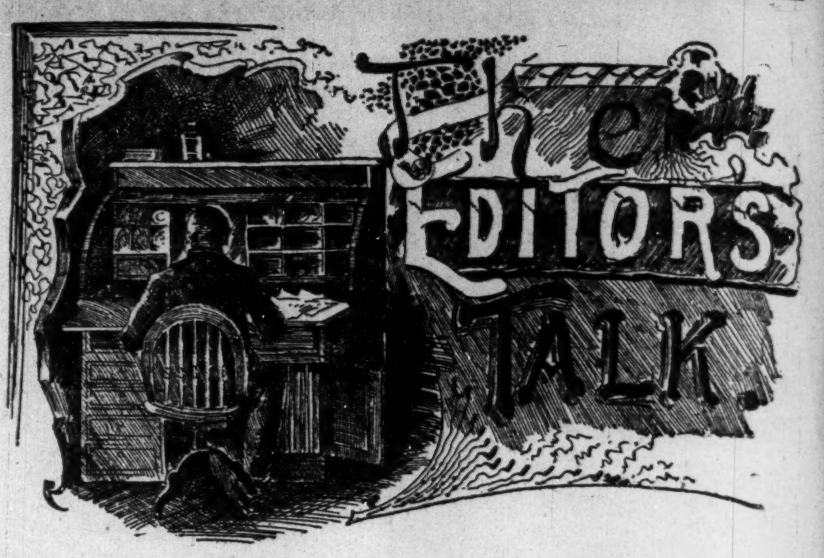
FABLE III.

THE NEGRO AUTHOR—NEGRO EDITOR.

A Negro editor of a ditto magazine wrote to a ditto author for a story, promising, "on his honor," to send $25 in payment for the same. The author sent the same, the editor published the same and then sent back the manuscript saying it was "no good no how." This story (which is true) shows that the author was an honest fool and the editor a dishonest knave.

B. Square.



Agents we are always glad to say nice things about you. You who are out in the world, struggling for an honest existence and often against the "real thing." Well its nice to labor, if from the labor there is any satisfactory reward, When you make large reports sending in as you often do, a large list of subscribers, it is then we know at least feel that you are being rewarded.

There's pleasure in the doing
And the rapture in persuing
Is the prize.

Have you watched the steady and cantinuous improvent in the tone of The Freeman? How do you like the editorials? Arn't they the embodiment of your thought? It is in the nature of things that we should say what you agree to readily. The Freeman desires always to voice the sentiment, thought and feeling of the race, and championing the cause of the race thereby, possesing the matchless ideal in journalism.

Say Agents, make up your minds how many new subscribers you are going to get, and work to it. Let the spring find you on the way to the accomplishment of your purpose. You know what it is Agents to persuade a fellow to read The Freeman after he has been disgusted with other papers, well you must point out the good features of the Indianapolis Freeman.

Prosperity at Home.

Mt. Vernon, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Carrie Bailey is visiting friends and relatives in Mt. Vernon, Ind. Mrs, Maggie Lewis left for Almsted, Ill., Saturday where she will make her future home. The pupils of the C. M. E. Sunday school rendered a very instructive Easter program, which was highly commented. Rev. Lewis Thompsom preached a very able sermon at the C. M. E. church last Sunday night. Extensiye preparations are being made for the annual commencement exercises of the Grammar School to be held May 3rd. The Mt. Vernon Car Manufacturing Co. voluntarily advanced the wages of all-day laborers in the employ of the company, from 5 to 11 percent to take effect at once. This advance affects 200 employes of the company and is a very welcome piece of news to both employes and business men of our city. Men employed on piece work or contract work are not affected.

News of Special Interest.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Easter dawned in upon the universe last Sunday and was luxurantly greeted by all. It can scarely be remembered when nature so earnestly looked to the Creator in such splendor and humilation. The birds seemed to sing praises to the precious Savior of their lives. The trees appeared to bow in the sweet breezes of His pure air. The whole creation looked as if it were saying glory, honor and praise to our God and His Son, Jesus Christ whom has risen. The churches were handsomely decorated with lovely flowers, cedar trimmings and little birds that were singing and chirping sweet melodies of music to their sweet Preserver. Elegant exercises were held throughout the whole day in all churches, followed by preachings and singing hosanna to His name—He has risen, etc. Rev. Sample at the C. M. E. church on Husband street, rendered an elegant sermon at the evening services, "The City of Babylon Has Fallen" and in his conclusion was the "Resurection of Christ." The gayety of dress upon the street, and the praises of Christ in the churches will be well remembered in the circles of Christianity so long as Paducah holds her history. There was nothing left out to make the services enjoyable; but everything was handy to make them glorious. The exercises were conducted by prayers of all the services held in the city and the song, "He is Risen, He is not here." and "Come and see the Place where the Lord Lay." Recitations were read; Bible selections and poemes of our Savior's resurrection. The Sunday-school exercises were pronounced in all Sunday-schools to be intellectual advancement of the scholars and we hope that Christianity will always reign, and continue to deliver the death of our Savior to save the world of sin and call the wicked to the Lord's side so we will rise in that great day prepared to meet our blessed Savior in peace. The Hon. Mayor James M. Lang showed his appreciation and religioushood to the Lord of Lords by ordering every house of business in the city closed which was done without hesitation. Mr. Ben Barden and Miss Lena Cramp were happily united in marriage on the 22nd inst., Rev. Hawkins officiated. Wish them much success. Miss Mattie Roberston 7th and Tem after two weeks of serious illness is recovering speedily. Miss Minnie Clopton has gone to Russellville, Ky., on an extended visit to friends. Now all of you that did not pay for the paper on account of Easter, please be ready the next time the agent calls. Do not tell him you will not be at home, leave the money. At the entertainment to be given soon in our city, Messrs. Jack Tyler and Clarence Lidle, of Cairo, and Loreia Thomas will appear in their new and latest style of cake walking. Mr. Clarence Lidew, Paducah's base ball pitcher, who was succesful in shutting the Louisville Brotherhoods out last August the 8th is greatly improving in his pitching and says he does not doubt himself in any contest. Don't you think the paper is a good one? Speak of it to your friends. Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Eastern Star, held their annual sermon at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. G. Hodison officiated. A large audience was in attendance. At the Husband-street C. M. E. church the same night promptly at 7:30 Rev. Samples filled the pulpit, and delivered one of the most excellent sermons ever preached in Paducah, taking for his text by request the "Falling of Babylon." A large audience was out and so was the gentlemen who requested it. This sermon was offered to Rev. H——, during a revival who promised to deliver it but failed to attempt it but it is finished and the committee that requested it now return thanks to Rev. Samples and pronounce it excellent. The residence of Mrs. Mary Conyers was destroyed by fire March 23rd with a heavy loss, the insurance not sufficient to cover the loss. The whole brass band has been vaccinated. Well, old man, how about you? The Presbyterian church of this city is without a pastor, Rev. C. G. Hodison the former pastor will lookout for a new field for himself. Done by order of Walter Presbytery, March 24, 1899.

Personal Mention.

Wheeling, W. Va. Special.

William Redman and Mr. Woods of Columbus two soldiers stopped here a few days being the guest of Hesekiah Redman. Lilly Jackson of Piedmont W. Va., is the guest of Miss Anna M. Wilson of South Huron street, Island. Eliza Glascow of the Lincoln High School is on the sick. The musical and dramatic entertainment of the Ebenezer Baptist church was postponed from the 27th to 30th, owing to the illness of the directess Miss E. Glasgow. Chas. Hayman and Fred Murray recently of the W. Va. Volunteers. and Cecil Lee, Earnst Berry and Ollie Scott will leave this week for Fern, W. Va., to enter the State Institute as W. Va., Cadets Austin L. Jackson spent Easter in Cameron.

Wedding Bells.

Petersburg, Va., Special.

On last Monday afternoon a quiet but pretty marriage was performed at the residence of Mrs. Pattie Crumpler, when her daughter Miss Pattie A. became the wife of Fred Whiting of N. Y. The bride is a charming young lady and much loved by her many friends. The groom is a young stenographer employed by one of the large firms in New York. The newly married couple left on the north bound train for Brooklyn, their future home. The Freeman is to be had at the popular confectionary of D. P. Royal, 132 Harrison street, every Saturday afternoon. Samuel Hastings and Jas. Blanche left last Monday to accept positions at the Hygeia Hotel. The boys have the good wishes of a host of friends. Chas. B. Cheshire, was in the city last week. The officers of the Jack E. Dix Industrial School have purchased the old Bossiean property in Dunwiddie County and will proceed to occupy at once. The Central Quartette rendered some very pretty music at the last meeting of the club, and easily won the praise of all the members. All of the boys showed up in fine form and much credit is due their leader. The Quartette is now composed of Alfred Fields, leader, John Robinson, tenor; Robt. Hill, baritone; and Richard Matthews, basso profundo. The boys have a summer engagement under consideration.

HOMES DESIRED FOR CHILDREN.

"There are now in the Orphans' Homes of this State a large number of very desirable children under ten years of age, for whom good family homes are desired. For further information, address the Board of State Charities, Indianapolis, Ind."

THE STAGE.

EDITED BY

J. HARRY JACKSON.

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LADIES LIST.

Brown, Cassie	Hyer, May
Grey, Miss Alice	Selika, Mme.
Gross Etta	Woods, Carrie

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Boyer, L. M.	Lacy, James
Banta, R. A.	Leach, Robert
Brown, G. W.	Levard, W. S.
Brewer, Pearl	Lewis, Richard
Britton, Joe	Logan, Tom
Brown, Robt.	McCabe, Dan
Bryant, Geo.	McCabe, D. W.
Bull, Ike	McQuitty, M. M. (2)
Cousin, Sam.	Payne, Ben F.
Carter, Kid (2)	Preston, Charlie
Dobbins, Joe	Prince, Arthur
Douglass, James	Puggsley, L. E.
Desdunes, Dan (2)	Reese, Geo. R.
Elliott, Ed. F. (3)	Rowe, F.
Gillam, Allie T.	Reese, Bros.
Garland, Will	Rastus & Banks
Gideon, Lash	Rucker, John
Gray, George	Simmons, Jno. W. (2c due)
Green, J. Ed.	Smart & Williams (2)
Hammond, Geo.	Stafford, Henry
Hampton, P. G.	Terry, W. O.
Helms, Wm.	Turner, James S.
Hicks, Judson	Towell, Jim
Hogan, Ernest (2)	Williams, Henry
Isham's Octoroons.	Young, Billy
Johnson, Mat	
Johnson, Ed. W. (Black Carl)	

ROUTE:

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Charleston, S. C., April 10; Wilmington, N. C., 11; Raleigh, 12; Norfolk, Va., 13; Richmond, 14; Lynchburg, 15.

JOHN W. VOGEL'S MASTODON MINSTRELS—Burlington, Ia., April 8: Fairfield, Ia., 9; Ottumwa, 10; Oskaloosa, 11.

OLIVER SCOTT'S REFINED NEGRO MINSTRELS.—Grand Haven, Mich., April 8; Muskegon, 10; Greenville, 11; Owosso, 12; Lansing, 13; Battle 14; Albion, 15.

RICHARDS, PRINGLES, RUSCO & HOLLANDS GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Louisianna, Mo., April, 1; Springfield, Ill. 2; Jacksonville, 3; Peoria, 4; Galesburg, 5; Canton, 6; Bloomington, 7; Aurora, 8; Chicago, 9-22.

WILLIAMS & WALKER'S OWN COMPANY, Cincinnati O., March, 5-11; Chicago, 12-April 8.

Are you a B. O. of C. P.?

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W. C. Craine sends regards to John R Milton.

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Sam Cousin sends regards to all professionals.

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A. A. Shearer sends regards to the McCarver Bros.

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Tom Craig sends regards to Tom Logan and Skip Farrell

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J. W. Jenkins sends regards to Shep Edmonds and Edw. Winn.

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Thos. Bethel sends regards to Jones & Sutton and all professionals.

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Miss Blanche Dickerson sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Britton.

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Blanche Arlington is still making a big hit singing "Whistling Rufus."

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Gerard Millar sends regards to the Australian Prince—Orpheus M. McAdoo.

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Pauline Cottrell, of the South Before the War company sends regards to the Brittons.

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Fred W. Simpson sends regards to Charles Parker, Lawrence Chenault, Frank Patrick and Gil Garay.

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Al Walton, the clever comedtan and Charles Deigh, the accomplished tenor vocalist, are now working together.

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Blanche Dickerson, a clever soubrette, with Isham's Octoroons, still captures her audiences nightly with "Kill It Babe."

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The Mitchells—Jess and Estella, have closed with Isham's Octoroons. They are now with the 'Coontown Four Hundred" company.

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Pete G. Hampton sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Cliff Brooks, "Pap" Lewis, and Geo. Bailey. He would like to hear from Frank Kirk.

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Eugene Clark has joined the Louisville (Ky.) Cake Walk Association. He closes with Martell's South Before the War company at Joplin, Mo., April 9.

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Major Ben F. Payne closed with "Darkest America" at St. Louis to accept proffered offer with the Alabama Blossom Jubilee Singers for the coming out-door season.

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Be Bee, the rag-time comedian, closed with the Black Patti Troubadours in Galveston, Tex. He sends regards to Gus Hall, Geo. Holt, Ernest Hogan and all members of the Black Patti show.

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Paul C. Floyd has closed with Washburn's double minstrels, and returned to New York City, where he has joined hands with Mr. and Mrs. Billy McClain. They will play dates as McClain, Floyd and McClain.

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Gussie Lord Davis, the famous song writer, who has been seriously ill at his home in New York City, is improving in health. Mr. Davis has purchased a handsome cottage at Whitestone, Long Island, where he will make his home after April 15.

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Messrs. Melroy Chandler & Co's own palace car arrived in St. Louis last week and went into the Big Four car shops for general repairs for the coming season, and will be one of the most handsome and best epuipped palace cars on the road the coming season.

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"A Hot Time in Darktown," a new comedy act is being produced this week at Miner's Eighth Ave. Theatre, New York City, with great success. The company is headed by Billy McClain and Mlle. Cordelia, John and Rachel Bailey, Chas. Johnson, Paul C. Floyd, Helen Scott and Florie Wallace.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nelson, 203 South Thirtienth street, St. Louis, Mo., entertained Major Ben F. Payne, of "Darkest America" at thier residence, during the engagement of the company there. Songs, sayings and dances made up the program with refreshment (?) on the side and as usual "De Major" was toast master—enough.

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Hen Wise and Sid Perrin are presenting, in New York this week, their new musical absurdity entitled: "In Gay Darktown," a farce comedy in three-acts. They are being assisted by the following first-class performers: Wm. Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Perrin, Chas. Williams and Wm. Leave, Miss Eva Hill, Mrs. Kate Milton and Bob Slater.

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Chas. H. Williams, principal comedian with the Ellsworth Remedy company, the Freeman special representative, writes: "Our company now consists of eighteen people. Prof. G. B. Brooks' concert band of ten is a great card with the show. We received all papers alright. We are doing a big business through the northern part of Texas, and we are now on our way South. Regards to all professionals."

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The managerial staff of the Alabama Blossom Jubilee Co. is as follows: Frank B. Hooper, proprietor; Wm. Buckner, general manager; Wm. J. Cassidy, representative; Maj. Ben. F. Payne, amusement director; Thos. T. Turpin, musical director. Roster of company: Frank B. Hooper, Wm. Buckner, Wm. J. Cassidy Maj. Ben. T. Payne, Thos. T. Turpin, Babe Alexander, Edward Gardner, Lorenzo Palacious, Miss Frankie Brown, Miss Frankie Hayden, Mme. Louise Harris, Miss Bulah Alexander, Miss Adelaide Wilson.

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The Misses Wells, of Isham's Octoroons, were the guest of honor at a reception given by Miss Clara Payne, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. G. Thomson, of Laurel street, Buffalo, during their recent engagement in that city. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing and games. Most prominent among those present were: Misses Isabel Leggett, Anna Simon, Helen Poindexter Lena Paul, Lucy and Bella Peregrino, Gertrude Constance, Messrs. Thos. Delsworth, Frank Spencer, T. Smith, F. Blevins, E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Smart, T. Lee, W. Robinson, E. Prime and H. Finley, and others.

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The Creole Nightingales under the management of L. W. Rector played to a crowded house at Hot Springs Opera House, March 23. Misses Jefferies and Jackson and Messrs. L. G. Rector and J. W. Walker scored big hits. The following named persons complete the roster of the company. L. G. Rector, proprietor and manager, J. W. Walker stage manager; Wm. Elliott, Columbia Bragg, Prof Pistoe, Wm. Dodd, Harry Moore, Albert For, Misses Fannie Jefferies, Mary Jackson, Estella Harris, Mamie Porter. This company will go on the road next season. This summer they will play at Highland Park, Little Rock, Ark.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, of Alexandria, Ind., entertained in honor of several members of Oliver Scott's Refined Minstrels during their engagement in that city. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present. Mrs. Hammond was assisted by following bevy of beautiful ladies: Misses Lizzie Scott, Lillie Johnsou, Dollie Smider, Eva Howard, Mertie Barber, Fannie Genning, May Hammond, Mrs. Annie Huff, and Mr. Billy Lewis, Alexandria's favorite soloist. Members of the company present were: Messrs. Howard and Billy McCarver, Ben R. Moore, Ed Hood, J. Ed Green, Billy Miller, Harry Waters, W. N. P. Spiller and Clarence Powell.

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Pete G. Hampton sends the following from John W. Isham's Octoroon Co.: We are still playing to packed houses nightly. Miss Eva Swanson holds the audience spell bound while she is singing "The Sernade," with a chorus of thirty voices. The harmony is something grand and is always a hit. Miss Swanson has a sweet soprano voice and gestures and articulation is fine. Willis Accooe, our musical director, is again on the sick list with la grippe. The Mitchells closed with this company at Youngstown, O., and went to Chicago for the balance of the season. Our treasurer, Mr. Melrose, had quite an attack of the la grippe, but he took his medicine like a man and is still at his post handling the coin. Pete G. Hampton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Myers, of Bradford, Pa., and such another talk of childhood days and "Home, Sweet Home."

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Fred W. Simpson, our special representative sends the following: "Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo, lessee of the Palace Theatre, Sidney, Australia, and Mr. Elwood C. Knox, managing editor of The Freeman, were pleasant visitors to the show in Peru, Ind. Don Morrenno, tenor, is successfully rendering the pathetic ballad "The Girl I Loved in Sunny Tennessee." Prof. R. N. Thompson, our illustrious band leader, is on the sick list, but we all wish him a speedy recovery. We have encountered several snow storms during the past week in Northern Indiana, but business has been fair just the same. Prof. J. Addison Cromwell, our new orchestra leader, is fast cathing on to the minstrel business, and the boys all lend him a helping hand John Eason says he has seen more snow this winter than he has seen for several winters, as he has been in the habit of traveling South with the Georgia Minstrels in the winter. Still he says his health has been better than ever, this season. He sends regards to all friends.

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W. C. Craine, our special representative with Martell's South Before the War company writes: "We played a successful engagement at the Tabor Grand Opera House, Denver, Col., despite the opposition of the Ellis Opera Co., at Broadway Theatre. On Thursday evening among the audience occupying a private box Mme. Melba, Sig. Amando Sappilla and others of the grand opera company. There was a great deal of enthusiasm demonstrated by Melba thoughout the entire performance, and especially the singing of Flora Batson in several brilliant selections. In Pueblo we had the honor of breaking the record, by doing the banner business of the season. We are now in Kansas. The theatrical business in Kansas is a thing of the past. March 30 on our way to Humbolt, we were greeted at Station Iola by the Mahara Minstrels. As our train pulled in their brass band was upon the platform rendering some excellent music. After they had finished playing they all met their old acquaintances and passed the time away very pleasantly. Jube Johnson and some of their members hired a rig, came over and spent several hours."

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Clarksville, Tenn., Show Items:—John R. Rogers has gotten up a minstel company, under the title of "Rogers's Sunburnt Swells" which is composed of twenty-seven members of home talent. The principal members will be Cobb and Meriwether the star song and dance team who will head the troupe, Frank Owens buck and wing dancer, Prof. Henry Shields, the Australian wonder. The troupe is now practicing hard and expects to go on the road May 1st. touring the towns of Indlanapolis, Evansville, St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville and all the principal towns of the north. The Clarksville brass band will furnish music for the troupe and has been engaged to that effect. J. P. Steele's new song the "Bell of Tennessee" is near completion and he predicts a big sale for it as he has several advanced orders. John Hollinsworth is making a hit singing "I don't Want no Yaller Coon." He has joined hands with Andrews and Page and will be seen only with Cobb's Specialty Company, Frank Bronoscly and George Jones have arrived in St. Louis, Mo., after many experiences on the road. The Twilights will soon purchase new music for their contest with the Nashville Quartette.

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Notes from Richard's & Pringle's Minstrels: This leaves all with the Big Festival well. We are now in Missouri turning them away nightly as usual. Mr. S. B. Foster expects to open a second-hand violin store during vacation, and solicits the patronage of all professionals. Mr. Jube Brown continues to kill 'em in the cake walk. Mr. F. L. Denton is now taking part in the cake walk and proves to be quite an adept in the art, Mr. Fleming, comedian and old man impersonater, joined us at Fayette, Mo. Mr. William Lacy, brother of Mr. James Lacy our musical director, visited us at Sedalia, Mo. At Jefferson City, Messrs. Maxwell, Toomey, Dodd and Leach were the guests of Misses Daisy and Allie Dupee and Prof. and Mrs. N. T. Green of the Lincoln Institute. All had a pleasant time. Messrs. Williams and McCallahan, managers of the "400" club of Sedalia, Mo., tendered the company a banquet the 25th which proved to be quite a swell affair. W. C. Johnson, stage carpenter (Irish King) was the recipient of a fine life-size portrait of himself which bore a striking resembance to him. Sam Burns sends regards to Julius Glenn, John Eason, C. F. Alexander and others. Arthur Maxwell sends regards to Smart and Williams, Sam Cousin and Marion Henry. While playing Sedalia, Mrs. Avery had the misfortune to loose her purse containing two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Personal Mention.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mr. William Banks spent Easter in Dayton. Mrs. Charles Bell is on the sick list this week. Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. Harriet Smith of Indianapolis were visiting relatives here on Easter. Mr. George Grissom was home on Easter also Miss Lena Johnson spent Sunday in Indianapolis. Mrs. Charles Robinson of Martinsville was here last week. Rev. L. W. Gray, M. D., preached his farewell sermon on last Sunday night at the Second Baptist church. He has pastored the Second Baptist church for ten years. He has accepted the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist church at Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, and his work begins Sunday. Rev. S. R. Fletcher the new pastor of Wiley Chapel preached his first sermon on last Sunday. His wife accompanies him. They will remain over to-morrow then they will return to Versailles, Ky., to get their household goods and the remaining of the family. The Southern Indiana State Teachers' Association convened here last Thurday, April 6, and between thirty and forty colored teachers are in attendance. They are the finest looking colored people that ever visited Shelbyville.

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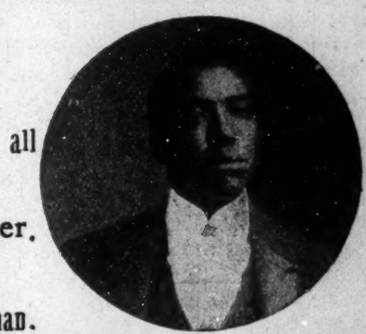

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RACE GLEANINGS.

A reception was tendered Booker T. Washington, the distinguished principal of the Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., by Mr. Henry C. Davis, at his residence, 902 Spruce street, Philadelphia. Pa., Wednesday evening, February 15th. Among those present were ex-Mayor Stuart. Judge Pennypacker, Judge McMichael, Rev. J. C. Coppin, D. D., Colonel R. Dale Benson, George D. McCreary, Dr. John D. Thomas, Drs. S. Newlin Pierce S. S. Sharp, President of the Penn National Bank; Ellis D. Williams, William W. Cook, Dr. E. C. Howard, W. B. Ramboo, Alfred Ostheimer, the Japanese Consul, Abraham Barker, Thomas L. Gilespie, George Colkett, George Pettit, Dr. Pettit, L. J. Levick, Robert D. Jenks. Joel J. Baily, Robert R. Corson, Edmond Lewis, Jacob S. Bunting, Henry E. Williams, Provost C. C. Harrison, Charles Davis, Everett & Hood Gilpin. In the course of the evening Mayor Warwick introduced Mr. Washington, who said he was very grateful for the opportunity of meeting so many of the business men of the city, and of speaking of the problem in in the South. The problem is, What is the best thing to do for the colored and also for the white race? After all slavery wrought almost as much permanent injury to the white man as to the black man. The object to be attained is to lift up and save both races in the South. It is important said he. for us to study the needs of our race in the South. We must be patient and absolutely frank with the Negro race. For twenty years after the freedom of the race emphasis was put on preparing them for ministers and teachers. The most important need is to train them along business and industrial lines. The Negro got two blessings out of slavery: The two races were brought into business touch, and every large plantation was in a limited and crude sense, an industrial school. Immediately after the war people came from the North and from Europe and took these positions from the Negroes. At Tuskegee the attempt has been made to start where slavery left them. This work was begun in 1881 in a small shanty. There are now 81 instructors and 1000 students The property is worth $300,000 and the buildings have been for the most part, put up by the labor of the students. There are in operation some twenty-six industries. The annual expense is about $75,000.

The white man of the South must be cultivated so as to believe in the education of the Negro. The problem is to be worked out along visible and tangible lines. It will have more effect than all the laws Congress will pass.

News and Notes.

Ironton, O., Special.

We are glad to note that Miss Glendora Tanner, who has been ill of the fever for sometime is able to be out again. Miss Lonnie Barnes of Catlettsburg, Ky., is spending a few days with her numerous lady friends in the city. Mr. Jones Pierson, headwaiter at the Park Hotel is suffering considerably from a foot-sprain. The several churches of the city held Easter exercises Sunday. Excellent programmes were prepared. The last lecture in the "Ironton Star Lecture" course was largely attended. Col. Watterson was the speaker, subject "Abraham Lincoln." The lecturer, though an adversary in principles, pictured in glowing eloquence the deeds and achievements of the immortal Lincoln. More of us should have heard it. Last Sunday at the Baptist church the annual sermon of the Knights of Pythias was preached by Rev. Merritt. "What is man! What dost thou work?" The reverend lucidly proved to the suspicions that the Knights are doing much in the lifting up of humanity morally, socially and religiously.

Personal Mention.

Cleveland, O., Special.

Many of our leading colored citizens who hesitated about buying a copy of the Freeman several weeks ago are now calling for it before it is published. The weather makes a great change in a person's humor. Bright days, bright smiles, good papers, good sales. The Freeman leads, necessarily, all others must follow. Now is the time to subscribe; let the agent hear from you without delay, 452 Erie street, 387 Superior street and 359 Central avenue are places where The Freeman can be found every day in the week. The prospective literary and musical club convened at the residence of Mrs. Talbert on the 23rd ult., and an enjoyable time was had. The annual sermon to the Edwin Cowles Lodge of K. of P.'s was preached at St. John's A. M. E. church last Sunday by Rev. Bundy. A well trained quartette, under the direction of Jay Noble, rendered some very excellent music. The solos of Mr. Noble and Mrs. Smith were well received by the attentive audience. Mrs. Jackson of Central avenue and Mrs. Elsener of Hackman street are numbered with the sick. St. John's Sunday-school under the direction of A. O. Taylor, gave an Easter entertainment in the afternoon of Sunday. Edward Matthews and George Slaughter were discharged from the Hollenden hotel cafe last week for gambling on the premises. Business is picking up in the hotels and the waiter who have been idle all winter are now wearing a "silver leaf" smile. The Weddie house boys tear their pockets loose when they see the Freeman's agent coming with the old reliable. They know what the Freeman is and they never fail to buy and read. Mrs. Rachel King who went to the hospital last week is improving. Mrs. King has been sick for a long time and we know her many friends will be glad to see her well again. Ed Wilkerson of Bethel street is confined in the Lakeside hospital.

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News Items.

Macon, Ga. Special.

There was an interesting lecture at the Cotton ave., A. M. E. Church, Monday night, March 27th by Miss E. M. Carter, of New Orleans. Her subject was, "The Black Woman of the South." A large audience attended. There was a lovely sermon preached at the First Congregational Church Sunday March 26th by Dr. Morgan, of London, Eng., The Easter exercises were very appropriate for the cause. The revival at the First Baptist Church is proving a great success and will continue during this week. Messrs. John W. Lowe and Peter Appling will probably become leaders of a club which has been long looked for, that is, an art club. Their talents seem to be unsurpassed and much success is hoped for this undertaking. Mr. A. J. Lewis finds The Freeman to be the best Negro journal he has ever read.

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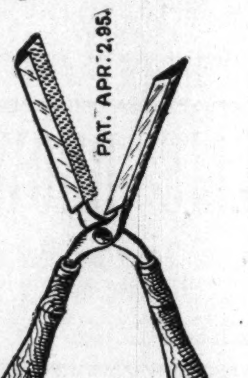

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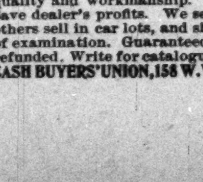

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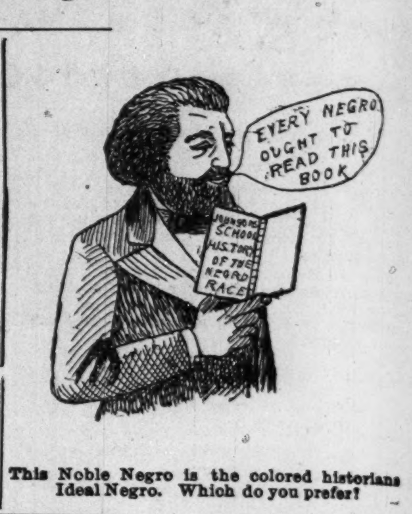

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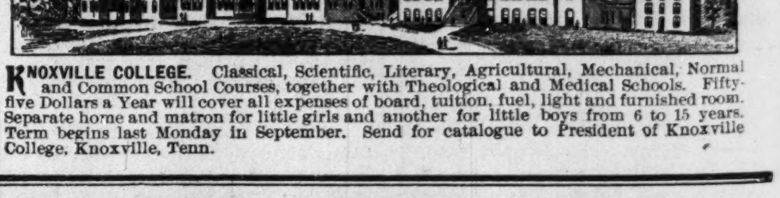

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The presence of this great crowd to-night delivers a splendid welcome address. Not only the Negroes of the city of Monroe are greeting Mr. Hill, the colored soldier of Troop C. but he is receiving warm hands from the whites also. The Revolutionary war was fronted by a Negro. The first fatal collision the first gun fired, the first to shed blood was a colored man by the name of Crispus Attucks, who opened the fight with the British in 1770 known as the Boston Massacre. This shows the Negro led in wars 129 years ago and is still leading for they saved the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war. (cheer.)

Gen. George Washington, the first President of the United States, while a General in the Revolutionary war could not succeed without the Negro for he had under command 755 Negro soldiers at the battle of Rhode Island, so the Negro is still in it. (cheer.)

The war of 1812 could not do without the Negro for we find Negro soldiers under the command of Gen. Jackson in his famous defense of New Orleans against the British. Leave the Negro out and the American flag would be found dragging in the dust but this flag will not drag as long as the American Negro lives. (cheer.) At the battle of Bunker Hill, Peter Salem, a colored man mounted the breastwork of the British and shot Major Pitcairn the British major. This victory was brought to the Americans by the bravery of the Negro. (cheer.)

As a general thing most of the wounds made on the colored soldiers are on the front of their bodies showing that they seldom retreat but stand like a stone wall. (cheers.)

Foremost among the most progressive among the nations is our beautiful America which was carved out out of the British Empire by the sword of Washington and we can proudly say to-night that the land of Cuba was carved from the Spanish rule by the sword of the Negro of which Mr. Hill was one of the number. In 1492 when Columbus entered upon that trackless ocean in search of an unknown country, he no doubt little dreamed that he would be the medium through which this great and glorious Republic would have been so substatianlly established. Just the same way with Mr. H. W. Hill when he enlisted as United States Cavalry he did not think that he would be in the fight of Santiago and San Juan Hill which caused the Negro to be added in History for the coming generations of the Negro to read and feel proud of. (cheer.)

When Cervera received orders from the Queen to make the fight, he replied: "I will obey orders to-morrow and go down to my doom." He knew that there were Negro Soldiers in America and Mr. Hill was one of the number, that would send him to his doom. (laughter.)

Greece, the cradle of literature, art, science and refinement may well boast of her heroic sons of liberty and Negroes of the city of Monroe may well boast of their heroic son; Mr. H. W. Hill, who was among those who caused the United States flag to now wave over Cuba. At San Juan Hill when the Spaniards made the onset, and the Rough Riders were falling like trees during a storm; the colored soldiers were sent for, to save the American flag and to save the remainder of the Rough Riders; we are glad that the young hero of Monroe was one of the number of Negro soldiers that in a few more rounds with the Spaniards, cried, "Victory is Ours." This shows you that it took the Negro to conquer the Spaniards. This resulted in a general burst of joy and triumph throughout the United States. Some of the newspapers which are bitter enemies to the Negro, could not but give the Negro praise for his heroic deed, whose bravery warded off the impending danger, which the Rough Riders could not do and we are proud Mr. Hill was there and helped to slay the Spainiards. (cheer.)

MR. HILL'S SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—While I have but little or no experience as a public speaker, I am proud to know that I have some as a public servant and a soldier:

On the 10th day of May, 1895, I enlisted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in the U. S. service known as troop C. 9th U. S. cavalry. From there I went to Fort Robinson, Neb., there to do my duty, as a soldier, and when the United States declared war against Cuba, and issued the call for soldiers to march to Cuba, I cheerfully obeyed that call and went across the waters of the great deep, and found myself on the island of Cuba. There to do my duty as a soldier. It is not necessary for me to try to tell you, what the 9th cavalry did while there, because those of you who read the newspapers know what they did very well. I thank God that I escaped being hit by the Spanish balls, and am here to-night to greet so many of my friends and acquaintances, and allow me to thank you for the honor, that you have conferred on me, by giving me this reception.

I shall always endeavor to carry a warm place in my heart for you all. If we never meet again in another reception, I hope that we may meet in a better world.

I am yours respectfully,
H. W. HILL.

News Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Ernest Buck died at his home in New Providence, March 24th. His death was very much regretted by friends in this city as well as his native home. The deceased was a young man of high standing and was a member of Greenhill church, where the funeral was conducted. His death it is said was due to frequent cigarette smoking, which should be a lesson to all who whiff the coffin nails too early in life. Chas. W. Stewart is reported ill at Fort Russell, Wyoming, where he went to rejoin the the U. S. Army. The Evening Times, a daily paper was entirely destroyed here by fire recently. Mrs. Johnson wife of Hiram Johnson is out of the city on a visit. Dr. G. W. Martin has the largest trade of any colored physician in the city and the superstition concerning faith in Negro physicians is fast disappearing. John Christian an old veteran of the civil war is on the sick list. Tony Dix of South Clarksville has fully recovered from his long spell of illness. Frank Bronaugh and George Jones left for St. Louis, Mo., March 25th. Mrs. J. P. Steele is able to be up after a short illness. Prof. C. R. Johnson one of our leading school teachers has been admitted to the Clarksville bar. He is gifted with oratory and has a bright future in the distance. Miss Kate Garnett and Albert Lampton were married at the home of the bride 217 Poston street on Taylor's Hill, Tuesday night March 21st. Rev. Moore performing the marriage ceremonies. J. W. Jackson is still on the sick list at the home of Ned Smith, John Knott a resident of Red River street is quite ill. Mrs. Geo. Crouch is fast recovering from a severe attack of paralysis. Mrs. Fannie Gorham has opened up a sewing establishment adjoining Mrs. McCauley's reeidence on Poston street. The "Phil Harmonic Club" composed of prominent ladies and gentlemen, met at the home of Mr and Mrs. D. B. Rice, on Taylor Hill for rehearsal March 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph of New Providence gave a party recently in honor of Ed. Durant of Montreal, Canada, who is visiting friends and relatives. The following ladies and gentlemen were present:—Misses Willie and Rosa Keesee, Eliza Johnson, Flora and Mary Caraway, Eliza Trice, Altha Edwards, Clara Yates and Everlena Williams. Messrs Ed Durant, B. Cobb, Sam Steele, Frank Bronaugh, John T. Keesee, William Watts, Tom Randolph, Walter Reese, George Wright and Ed. George of Princeton. All the luxuries of the season were in evidence and social games were indulged in. Everybody present enjoyed themselves and extended a glad welcome to the guest, as well as the host and hostess. The Clarksville brass band rendered excellent music during the parade of Roger's Concert Co. Miss Sophia and Roverta Merriweather assisted largely in the piano playing at the Opera House March 23. Orange Bronaugh of the Bronaugh Bros., has gained the nick name of "Rag Time Jimmy." He plays this line of music to perfection, being on an equal with the famous Ed. Ewing. W. L. Johnson The Freeman's agent was honored with a complimentary ticket to Roger's Concert Co., March 23rd and greatly enjoyed the performance. Ed. Moore is on the sick list. Why not co-operate with the agent in making The Freeman the leading paper in Clarksville. Give him your news, cuts and sketches for publication, or leave it at Steele and Whites barber shop.

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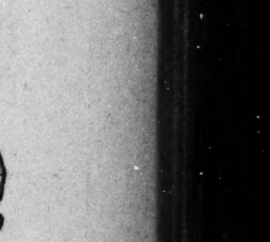

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

Easter at the churches was appropriately observed.

Firman C. Brown has returned to the city from Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Mellie Hampton, of Greenfield, Ind., was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Sawyers, of Benton Harbor, Mich., after having spent several weeks in the city, the guest of relatives, has returned to her home.

The Hon. Orpheus M. McAdoo, of Sydney, Australia, who was in the city last week, left Saturday for Washington, New York and Boston. He will sail from Vancouver, B. C., May 17.

Prof. I. Garland Penn, the assistant secretary of the Epworth League Association, lectured at Simpson Chapel Monday evening. Mr. Penn is a citizen of Atlanta, Ga., and spent a few days in this city enroute from the Iowa to the Deleware conference.

Mrs. Julia Turner, for many years a resident of this city, but now living in Providence, R. I., has returned to her home from Peru, Ind. She was called to the latter city to attend the funeral of her father, who was one of the leading citizens of Peru. He left her a beautiful house and lot.

In Loving Remembrance

Of our beloved father, Alexander Jackson, who departed this life March 30, 1899, at home with his daughter, Mrs. James Stafford, 819 Blake street. Only a few days since we laid him to rest, and folded his cold hands on his breast. In silence he suffered, but he bore it with patience until God called him to his reward. We miss his coming footsteps; we miss him everywhere. Home is not what it used to be since our dear father is not here. From

CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN.

Bethel Church Notes.

The sacred concert at Bethel church last Sunday night was one of the finest efforts of the kind ever given in this old church so long famous for her musical fetes. It is said that Mrs. Fannie Lanier and W. D. Collins never sang solos in sweeter voice nor with more grace than on this occasion. Among the many beautiful choruses "Like as a Father Pittieth his Children," led by Isaac Johnson received the most encominms. "Old School" could not have been surpassed. The playing of Mr. Martin's orchestra was in such delightfull harmony with the voices of the choir that most careful training was evident. One beauty about Bethel's musical organization they have to call in extra talent on these special occasions and the pastor with just pride remarked that there was not an extra voice nor instrument in the choir box that evening. All belonged to the regular Sunday evening choir. To-morrow evening Rev. D. A. Graham will preach the annual sermon to the Daughters of Charity.

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Second Baptist Church.

Last Sunday morning the church was crowded to hear the Easter exercises. The Sunday school was also largely attended, and the children were presented with such as Easter Eggs and beautiful Easter cards. A most enjoyable program was rendered by the Sunday school. At 11 a. m., Dr. Carr delivered an excellent discourse on "The resurrection of Christ." It was well received and highly complimented. After the morning services the ordinance of baptism was administered to several candidates. The comunion services were largely attended in the afternoon at 8:00 p. m., a most elaborate musicial program was rendered. There was a short address by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Carr, D. D., on the the subject, "Continent." The soloists were Mme. Lizzie P. Dugan Clark, and Mme. L. M. Terry. A superb Easter chorus, "Christ our Passover," Duninor, by Michael Balfe, was rendered by the choir. The Ladies Missionary Quartette also sang a beautiful selection. Misses Navie Coleman and Eurus Carr, delighted the audience with a duett. Tomorrow evening the pastor will preach a sermon, by request, "Death in the Pot." Mme. Lizzie P. Dugan Clark will sing a solo. Come early to secure a seat. All are cordially invited to attend.

Frank Brown at English's Opera House.

Perhaps one of the most imposing audiences that ever filled this house was on last Friday night, March 31, '99. The occasion was a contest of oratory between the High school students of Indiapolis, Richmond, Portland, Huntington, Madison and South Bend.

This house has seating compacity of 1700. Fully 2000 persons were present. Perhaps 200 or more consisted of parent, teacher or friend. Arriving at English's at 7:10 p. m., we learned at the door that all seats were sold, but at 8 o'clock we could get standing room.

While waiting there each school marshalled by two or three teachers filed in and were assigned seats. Each class had its own yell, motto or song, with a competent leader. For a half hour or more each school vied with the other in entertaining. Even a cornet was brought into play. The object being to make as much concerted noise as possible. Each class had its own representative on the program, class were prevalent, each school having its own design. A great sight was this, more than 1700 persons who had not attained the age of 21. All school boys and girls. I looked over that vast crowd to see less than a dozen of my, own race. The lights turned up higher was a signal for all noise to cease.

Quietly but sowly went up the curtain. A beautiful stage setting met the gaze with eight young boys seated consisting of master of ceremonies, six contestants and Frank Brown. Earl Cartwright who subject was "The Hero of '59," won first prize. Particularly was it enjoyable because, as he depicted the sacrifices torture and death of John Brown, a pin could have been heard had it fallen. His delivery was excellent, his thoughts noble and good. For in it he clearly traced the sufferings of a down trodden race and paid a great and fitting tribute to the martyr John Brown.

Frank Brown who sang "Asthore" was well received. He was in good voice and was not in the least daunted by the sea of faces before him. After deafening applause, he was compelled to respond. He also sang with the Glee Club composed of 18 members, all boys. This action on the part of the committee in placing our young tenor on programs is one step farther in recognition of our race and should be appreciated.

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THE AGE OF THE CHURCH.

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tom is unreasonable and should be busted wide open. The candidate for high office who todies should be defeated. Blinding sentiment and servile fear must give way to reason and independence. The power which the oldtimers have gathered over the imagination is due to the long established custom of holding the pastors in suspense until the last moment of the conference and then making appointments that reward or punish servility and saying that it was dictated by a revelation from God. May God open the eyes of every fool who believes this rank blasphemy and may God curse every potentate who dares to practice it. The only bishop who is fit for his office is the man who follows his best and highest judgement, and who considers both the man and the place.

The bishop who tries to shroud his devilish proceedings in the mystery and who under the pretence of heavenly guidance, sends to the bushes the man who failed to lug his valise and exults the fellow who washed his feet or exposed to his lust the females of his charge, is a creature whs should be unfrocked instead of fear and worshipped. Why do I say this? Simply because such cases exist. Give the church progressive men, suitable men, or else make ready its epitaph. I expect a certain demagogue to take issue with these utterances.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. T. Leggett is visiting in the city.

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Earnest the seven year old son of Mrs, Emma Williams, died last Friday morning.

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The Grand Easter Concert and promenade given under the management of Wm. Miller was a success in every respect.

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Mr. Wm. Gentry of Richmond, Ky., who has been visiting his brother. Green Gentry, 1106 north Missouri streei has returned to home.

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Miss Annie Hudson eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson met with a serious accident Wednesday morning cutting her right arm with glasss.

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Mrs. J. Bryant entertained Misses Fanny Rice, Gertrude S. Garnett and Mr. Thompson, at supper Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Jones in North street.

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News Items.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Easter Sunday at St. Clements Episcopal church was observed in a most elaborate manner. The morning prayer and sermon was at 11 a. m., with Miss Laura Leona Richmond as organist the musical program was exceptionally good. Queen Esther Temple gave their annual Easter entertainment April 3rd, at their hall on 2nd street. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Jeffers are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. Dr. H. W. Armstead was called to his home in Nashville. Tenn., last week. Master Richard Ellis and little Lucile Kennedy are quite sick with pneumonia, The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett died March 20th, Wm. B. Taylor, formerly of Mahara's Minstrel's, says the band under the leadership of Jas. Lacy, with the Georgia Minstrels is the best that has been in Henderson recently. Henry Clay Walker has been quite sick, but he is improving. A special program was rendered at the Methodist church on Easter Sunday. We are sorry that we could not obtain the same. Mrs. Frances Alexander died April 1st after an illness of five months. She leaves a husband, one were held April, 2nd. at the First Baptist church, Rev. R. H. C. Mitchell officiating. James Bradshaw, of Owensboro was in the city last week. Miss Fannie L. Eastin is quite sick. daughter and four sons to mourn her loss. The funeral services John W. Jenkins left last week for Metropolis. Ill. A social was given at the A. M. E. Zion church on Easter Monday. April 3rd. from 12 m. to 3 p. m.

News in General.

Macon City, Mo., Special.

The A. M. E. and Baptist churches rendered excellent programs Sunday afternoon. The musical given at the Baptist church was quite a success. Mrs. M. C. Hubbard died at the residence of Mrs. Jos. Angell, Sr., Tuesday March 25th, she was burried from the A. M. E. church, Thursday March 27th. She leaves a husband. baby and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Rev. J. F. McDonald was with us Sunday and preached an excellent sermon. Jos. Allen is reported some better at this writing. Aunt Peggy Jones will soon be able to be out again. Mrs. Ella Houston is very sick at her home. Mrs. Fannie McClain will leave for Pana, Ill., to visit her daughter Mrs. L. Ward. Essie Williams and Ellis Henderson take a copy of The Freeman every week. E. J. Rutherford is one of The Freeman admirers. Our agent will collect every Wednesday. Do not forget it.

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Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Prof. C. M. Wells made a flying trip to Ozark, Ala., last week. Easter services were held at St. Luke A. M. E. church last Sunday. The pastor, Dr. W. C. Banton, preached at the morning service, "The Resurrection of Jesus." The choir rendered special music. At the night service an excellent program was rendered by the teachers and children of the Sunday school. W. A. Smith, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of friends and relatives in this city. Mr. Smith speaks highly of The Freeman. The Freeman is on sale every Saturday at John A. Ward's grocery store. Payton Eugene Bell and Miss Ida Pauline Wade were married the 29th ult., at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. W. C. Banton, officiating.

News and Notes.

Springfield, O., special.

Easter services were held in all the churches. Rev. Scarborough of New York city preached at St. John's church at 3 o'clock. Major Young and Charles Burrows were in the city Saturday in attendance at the "Travelers' Club." Mr. Burrows who is a noted elocutionist furnished one of the numbers on that program. The Travelers' Club, is a white organization. Mrs. Bailey of West Fair street entertained last Thursday night in honor of her sister, Mrs. Wilson of Columbus, O., the evening was most enjoyably spent at cards, music and dancing; a light luncheen was served. Ar egg social was given at North-street A. M. E. church Tuesday evening. The funeral of Mrs. Taylor was conducted from the Second Baptist church Wednesday afternoon.

Special News Interest.

Dyersburg, Tenn., special.

Mrs. Mary Silby one of the charter members of the S. M. T., is improving at tnis writing. Miss Ora Engum of Marktree, Ark., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rebecker Woods. Mr. Frank Lee is on the sick list. Rev. G. W. Wynne preached two noble sermons for the Baptist congregation on Easter day. The Easter service at the C. P. church was a grand success; Mr. Thomas Fowlkes, superintended, Miss Mary A. Smith, organist. Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. Barnett, Rev. Johnson and Barr; invocation by Rev. H. Alexander. Mr. Hill Wynne of the Baptist church near Finley, Tenn., died on the 28th of March and was buried at Beech Grove cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Brantly.

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Easter Observations.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Easter Sunday was a day of joy, the principal churches of the city being decorated and adorned with beautiful flowers. Upon the walls were numorous pictures of Christ and the Apostles; and amid these favorable environments were breathed the air of purity. Rev. R. L. Beal, presiding elder, preached an eloquent sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning. In the afternoon the young people of the Sunday school rendered an excellent program under the direction of Mrs. B. M. Woods, our efficient superintendent. The principal features of the program were a recitation by Miss Bettie Letcher; a paper entitled "Home Missions," by Miss L. Lewis; "Foreign Mission," Miss A. M. Wright; "Resurrection," Miss C. B. Bolden; also the songs and recitations of the little ones were very interesting. There was also a grand event at the Eighth and Center Street Baptist church, notably an instrumental solo by Miss Ida Foster and a paper on the "Origin of Easter," by Miss Lizzie Roberts. Taylor Black has accepted a position as barber in Wm. Hamilton's shop.

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